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**Reply to Final Office Action**

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, for which the shortened three-month statutory period for reply is set to expire on November 24, 2005. This reply is timely and no extension fee is due.

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. The amendments place the claims in condition for allowance and are thus proper after a Final Rejection.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.